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SUBJ: MBFR: DEFINITION OF FORCES: SPC APPROVES DRAFT GUIDANCE

TO AHG

REFS: A) USNATO 5208 241521Z SEP 75; B) USNATO 5305 301137Z

SEP 75; C) STATE 237183 040203Z OCT 75

1. AT SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY UK ON OCT 10, SPC APPROVED  
DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AHG ON DEFINITION OF FORCES. APPROVAL BY NAC WILL  
BE BY SILENCE PROCEDURE, WITHCUT-OFF TIME FOR OBJECTIONS AS NOON,  
OCT 13.

2. THE GUIDANCE APPROVED BY SPC CONSISTS IN THE  
TEXT TRANSMITTED REF A, WITH DELETION OF PARAS 4 C AND 5  
AS CONTAINED IN THAT TEXT. THESE LATTER PARAS ARE  
REPLACED BY THE FRG PARA 5 (PARA 8, REF B), AS AMENDED  
BY PARAS 5 A AND 9 OF REF C. HOWEVER, IN THE AMENDMENT IN  
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PARA 9, THE PHRASE "NOR DOES IT CONSTITUTE ANY ALLIED COMMITMENT"  
IS REPLACED BY THE PHRASE "NOR DOES IT COMMIT THE ALLIES IN  
ANY WAY".

3. UK REP (BAILES) STATED AT OUTSET OF THE MEETING THAT HER AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY UK ISOLATION AT THE OCT 9 MEETING, AND HAD SENT NEW INSTRUCTIONS. UK CONTINUED TO OPPOSE THE AMENDMENT IN PARA 5 B, REF C (CITING ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF RECATEGORIZATION). HOWEVER, UK COULD NOW ACCEPT THE REST OF THE FRG PARA 5, WITH THE OTHER US AMENDMENTS, EXCEPT THAT UK WISHED TO DELETE THE PHRASE IN THE AMENDMENT IN PARA 9, REF C, WHICH BEGINS "NOR DOES IT CONSTITUTE". UK CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS PROTESTING TOO MUCH, AND MIGHT PUT IT IN MINDS OF EASTERN NEGOTIATORS TO RAISE ADDITIONAL ANOMALIES. UK COULD ACCEPT AS AN ALTERNATIVE EITHER "NOR DOES IT CONSTITUTE ANY ADMISSION THAT THE WESTERN UNIFORM DEFINITION COULD GIVE RISE TO ANY OTHER ANOMALIES", OR "NOR DOES IT APPLY TO ANY OTHER ANOMALIES THE EAST MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY ASSERT EXIST UNDER THE WESTERN UNIFORM DEFINITION".

4. US REP (MOORE) CONFIRMED THAT THE US COULD DELETE THE AMENDMENT IN PARA 5 B, REF C IF THE SPC COULD AGREE TO THE OTHER US AMENDMENTS. HE REVIEWED US REASONS FOR THE "NOR DOES IT CONSTITUTE" PHRASE. HE POINTED OUT THAT FIRST UK ALTERNATIVE WOULD NOT MEET THE POINT OF MAKING CLEAR THERE WAS NO PRECEDENT TO DEAL WITH OTHER ANOMALIES THE EAST MIGHT RAISE. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT UK COULD TAKE ITS SECOND ALTERNATIVE ONE STEP FURTHER, AND INTRODUCE THE CLARITY ON THE PRECEDENT ISSUE FOUND IN THE US WORDING.

5. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SUPPORTED THE US OBJECTIVE, AND FOUND THE SECOND UK ALTERNATIVE TOO CRYPTIC ON THIS POINT.

6. UK REP SAID HER AUTHORITIES COULD NOT ACCEPT THE WORD "COMMITMENT" IN THE US WORDING, SINCE THIS HAS A VERY SPECIFIC MEANING IN VIENNA, AND THE WORD WOULD STAND OUT IF USED IN THIS CONTEXT. THEREFORE, SHE COULD ACCEPT, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE PHRASE IN QUESTION "NOR DOES IT COMMIT THE ALLIES IN ANY WAY WITH RESPECT TO OTHER ANOMALIES THE EAST MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY  
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ASSERT EXIST UNDER THE WESTERN UNIFORM DEFINITION". FRG, CANADAN, BELGIAN, AND US REPS ACCEPTED THIS WORDING. SPC REGISTERED AGREEMENT. APPROVAL BY NAC WILL BE BY SILENCE PROCEDURE IN ABSENCE OF OBJECTIONS BY NOON, OCT 13. STREATOR

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